

Annual Reports

of the

Town Officers

of

SURRY

NEW HAMPSHIRE

for the Year Ending December 31, 1953

and

School District Officers

for the Year Ending June 30, 1953



ANNUAL REPORTS
OF THE
TOWN OFFICERS
OF

SURRY, N. H.

FOR THE YEAR ENDING
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TOWN OFFICERS

Moderator

A. HAROLD KENDALL

Selectmen

ROBERT M. CRAIN

ROBERT REID

MERTON R. TENNEY

Town Clerk

FLOYD E. BRITTON

Treasurer

HATTIE L. STEELE

Tax Collector

FLOYD E. BRITTON

Supervisors

JASPER W. HUNT

VICTORIA BALL

DOROTHY BICKFORD

Highway Agent

ERNEST W. BALL

Trustees of Trust Funds

HATTIE L. STEELE

ELEANOR RAYMOND

OLGA WATKINS

Overseer of Poor

DAVID M. MALCOLM

Sexton

DAVID M. MALCOLM

Constable

JESSE WOODS

Auditor

MARY TRACY

Forest Fire Warden

ERNEST W. BALL

THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

TOWN WARRANT

To the Inhabitants of the Town of Surry in the County of Cheshire in said State, qualified to vote in Town Affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Town Hall in said Surry on Tuesday, the ninth day of March, next at eight of the clock in the afternoon, to act upon the following subjects:

1. To choose all necessary Town Officers for the year ensuing.

2. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray town charges for the ensuing year and make appropriations of the same.

3. To see if the town will vote to make any changes in the amount to be raised and appropriated as presented by the Budget Committee in the annual budget.

4. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for starting a Fire Company, or take any action in relation thereto.

5. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$200.00 for control of the White Pine Blister Rust disease, or take any action in relation thereto.

6. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Civil Defense, or take any action in relation thereto.

7. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$150.00 for the Elliot Community Hospital or take any action in relation thereto.

8. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$100.00 for the care and maintenance of the Town Dump or take any action in relation thereto.

9. To see how much money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for highways and bridges, or take any action in relation thereto.

10. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$142.75 for Town Road Aid, or take any action in relation thereto.

11. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the Town's share, \$1,800.00, for the bridge over Merriam Brook, or take any action in relation thereto.

12. To see what action the Town will take on re-locating the Pond Road, or take any action in relation thereto.

13. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$32.00 for the Monadnock Region Association, or take any action in relation thereto.

14. To see what action the Town will take in observing Old Home Day, or take any action in relation thereto.

15. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen and Treasurer to borrow money in anticipation of taxes.

16. To hear the report of the Town Officers.

17. To allow accounts.

18. To transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

Given under our hands and seal, this 15th day of February, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and fifty-four.

ROBERT M. CRAIN,
ROBERT F. REID,
MERTON R. TENNEY,
Selectmen of Surry

A true copy of Warrant—Attest:

ROBERT M. CRAIN,
ROBERT F. REID,
MERTON R. TENNEY,
Selectmen of Surry

BUDGET OF THE TOWN OF SURRY

ESTIMATES OF REVENUE AND EXPENDITURES FOR
THE ENSUING YEAR JAN. 1, 1954 TO DEC. 31, 1954
COMPARED WITH
ESTIMATED AND ACTUAL REVENUE, APPROPRIATIONS
AND EXPENDITURES OF THE PREVIOUS YEAR
JAN. 1, 1953 TO DEC. 31, 1953

SOURCES OF REVENUE

	Estimated Revenue Previous Year 1953	Actual Revenue Previous Year 1953	Estimated Revenue Ensuing Year 1954
From state:			
Interest and dividends tax	\$200 00	\$142 56	\$150 00
Railroad tax	14 00	14 08	14 08
Savings bank tax	60 00	63 96	65 00
Reimbursement a/c exemption of growing wood and timber	1,200 00	1,052 60	1,200 00
For fighting forest fires		49 81	124 53
From local sources except taxes:			
Dog licenses	75 00	125 70	125 00
Rent of town hall and other buildings	50 00	54 00	60 00
Interest received on taxes and deposits	100 00	113 34	115 00
Income from trust funds	350 00	405 02	400 00
Dog license penalties		12 50	
Motor vehicle per. fees 1952		22 77	
Motor vehicle permit fees	1,000 00	987 45	1,000 00
Motor vehicle permit fees '54		2 01	
Sale of town property, histories	25 00	22 00	20 00
Cemetery lots	30 00	10 00	10 00
Int. on war bond	12 50	12 50	12 50

	Estimated Revenue Previous Year 1953	Actual Revenue Previous Year 1953	Estimated Revenue Ensuing Year 1954
From local taxes other than property taxes:			
(a) Poll taxes—regular @ \$2, 1953	280 00	190 00	280 00
(b) National bank stock taxes	16 00	21 00	21 00
Poll taxes prev. yrs.		68 00	
Total revenues from all sources except property taxes	\$3,412 50	\$3,369 30	\$3,597 11
*Amt. to be raised by prop. taxes (exclusive of county and school taxes)			4,414 64
Total revenues			\$8,011 75

*Total estimated "Revenues from all sources except Property Taxes" deducted from Total "Appropriations recommended by Budget Committee" should give estimated "Amount to be raised by Property Taxes," exclusive of County and School Taxes.

PURPOSES OF EXPENDITURES

	Appropriations Previous Year 1953	Actual Expenditures Previous Year 1953	Appropriations Recommended by Budget Comm. Year 1954
Current maintenance expenses:			
General government:			
Town officers' salaries	\$575 00	\$580 42	\$575 00
Town officers' expenses	450 00	455 91	460 00
Election and registration expenses	48 00	17 70	85 00
Expenses town hall and other town bldgs.	225 00	123 54	150 00
Protection of persons and property:			
Police department	10 00	22 00	10 00
Fire department	50 00	313 60	100 00
Moth exterm.—blister rust & care of trees			200 00
Civil defense			1 00
Health:			
Health department, including			
hospitals	150 00	300 00	150 00
Vital statistics	10 00	7 50	10 00
Town dump and garbage removal	75 00	21 25	100 00
Highways and bridges:			
Tarring prog.	1,200 00	929 68	1,000 00
Town maintenance—winter	800 00	773 03	800 00
Town maintenance—summer	1,000 00	835 60	1,000 00
Street lighting	325 00	342 05	400 00
General expenses of highway department	75 00	22 22	50 00
Town road aid	140 54	140 54	142 75
Libraries	250 00	227 85	250 00
Public welfare:			
Old age assistance	400 00	301 69	300 00
Patriotic purposes:			
Memorial Day and veterans' associations	25 00	13 15	25 00

	Appropriations Previous Year 1953	Actual Expenditures Previous Year 1953	Appropriations Recommended by Budget Comm. Year 1954
Recreation:			
Old Home Day			50 00
Parks and playgrounds incl. band concerts	85 00	15 00	25 00
Public service enterprises:			
Cemeteries	150 00	165 00	150 00
Taxes bought by town	1 00	530 52	1 00
Unclassified:			
Motor vehicle reg. fees	85 00	91 50	95 00
Damages and legal expenses, incl. dog damage	25 00		
Advertising and regional associations	30 00	30 00	32 00
Interest:			
On temporary loans	50 00	31 00	50 00
On principal of trust funds used by town		50 00	
Outlay for new construction and perm. improv.			
Highways and bridges:			
State aid construction—town's share			1,800 00
Total expenditures	\$6,174 54	\$6,340 75	\$8,011 75

RALPH STEELE,
 ROBERT B. CHASE,
 WILLIAM F. HURLEY,
 RUTH K. WESTLUND,
 ROBERT M. CRAIN,
 Budget Committee

REPORT OF SELECTMEN

VALUATION OF THE TOWN

Land and buildings (exclusive of growing wood and timber	\$229,270 00
Electric plants	90,210 00
Horses, 25	2,650 00
Oxen, 2	400 00
Cows, 136	16,750 00
Other neat stock, 28	2,550 00
Sheep & goats, 1	10 00
Gasoline pumps and tanks, 4	535 00
Stock in trade	1,850 00
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Total gross valuation before exemptions allowed	\$344,225 00
Less soldiers exemptions and exemptions to blind	22,300 00
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Net valuation on which tax rate is computed	\$321,925 00

TAXES ASSESSED FOR 1953

Town officers' salaries	\$575 00
Town officers' expenses	450 00
Election and registration expenses	48 00
Town hall and other buildings	225 00
Police department	10 00
Fire department	50 00
Hospitals, Elliot Community hospital	150 00
Dump and garbage collection	75 00
Vital statistics	10 00
Town road aid	140 54
Town maintenance	1,800 00
General expenses of highway dept.	75 00
Tarring program	1,200 00
Motor registration fees	85 00
Street lighting	325 00

Libraries	250 00
Old age assistance	400 00
Memorial Day & veterans' associations	25 00
Parks and playgrounds, inc. band concerts	85 00
Cemeteries	150 00
Taxes bought by town	1 00
Damages and legal expenses, inc. dog damage	25 00
Advertising and regional associations	30 00
Payments on debt, interest	50 00
County tax	892 01
School tax	12,067 30
Total town and school appropriations	<u>\$19,193 85</u>

Less estimated revenues and credits:

Interest and dividends tax	\$141 53	
Railroad tax	14 00	
Savings bank tax	60 00	
Reimbursement a/c of flood control land	2,239 23	
Reimbursement a/c exemption growing wood & timber	1,189 60	
Motor vehicle permit fees	1,000 00	
Dog licenses	75 00	
Rent of town property	50 00	
Int. on taxes and income from trust fund	450 00	
Sale of town histories	25 00	
Interest on war bond	12 50	
Sale of cemetery lots	30 00	
Total revenues and credits		<u>\$5,286 86</u>
		\$13,906 99
Plus overlay		<u>252 75</u>
Net amount to be raised by taxation		\$14,159 74
Less: 144 poll taxes @ \$2.00	\$288 00	
National bank stock taxes	16 00	
		<u>\$304 00</u>

Amount to be raised by property taxes on which tax rate is to be figured	<u>\$13,855 74</u>
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Taxes to be committed to collector:

Property taxes	\$13,855 74
Poll taxes @ \$2.00	288 00
National bank stock taxes	16 00
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Total taxes to be committed	\$14,159 74

FINANCIAL REPORT OF THE TOWN

ASSETS

Cash on hand Jan. 1, 1954	\$3,237 01
War bond	500 00

Accounts due town:

Due from state:

Forestry and recreation commission	124 53
Hedgehog bounties	23 25

Unredeemed taxes (from tax sale on account of):

Levy of 1952	472 39
Levy of 1951	5 11

Uncollected taxes:

Levy of 1953	3,617 52
Levy of 1952	2 00
State head taxes—levy of 1953	325 00

Total assets	<hr/>	\$8,306 81
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LIABILITIES

Accounts owed by town:

Uncollected head taxes 1953	\$325 00
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Due to school district:

Balance of appropriation	4,500 00
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Total liabilities	<hr/>	\$4,825 00
Excess of assets over liabilities		3,481 81

\$8,306 81

LIST OF TOWN PROPERTY

Town hall	\$8,000 00
Furniture and equipment	350 00
Library	5,500 00
Furniture and equipment	2,000 00
Fire department equipment	100 00
Highway department equipment	625 00
Wright Grove	200 00
School, land and buildings	27,500 00
Equipment	2,000 00
Town dump	300 00
All other property and equipment	1,050 00
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	\$47,625 00

REPORT OF TOWN CLERK

REGISTRY OF DOGS FOR 1953

Number of dogs inventoried: 61

Licensed for 1953:

Received for 47 male dogs	\$94 00
Received for 5 female dogs	25 00
Received for 29 penalties	14 50

\$133 00

Licensed for 1952:

Received for 5 male dogs	\$10 00
Received for 1 female dog	5 00

15 00

Licensed for 1951:

Received for 1 male dog	2 00
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2 00

\$150 00

Clerk fees	11 80	
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Paid treasurer		\$138 20
PERMITS FOR REGISTRATION OF MOTOR VEHICLES:		
Issued 5 permits for 1952	\$22 77	
Issued 177 permits for 1953	987 45	
Issued 1 permit for 1954	2 01	
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Paid treasurer		\$1,012 23
Received for town histories	\$22 00	
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Paid treasurer		\$22 00
Received for 5 cemetery lots	\$10 00	
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Paid treasurer		\$10 00

Respectfully submitted,
 FLOYD E. BRITTON,
 Town Clerk

Surry, N. H., January 1, 1954

REPORT OF TOWN TREASURER

For Year Ending Dec. 31, 1953

Current revenue from local taxes:

Property taxes, current year	\$10,347 68
Property taxes, previous year	3,395 87
Poll taxes, current year	190 00
Poll taxes, previous year	68 00
Redemption	58 16
Yield taxes, current year	129 30
Yield taxes, previous year	107 44
Head taxes, current year	645 00
Head taxes, previous year	215 00
Head tax penalties	27 00
National bank stock tax	21 00

\$15,204 45

From United States treasury:

Interest on war bond	\$12 50
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From the state:

Railroad tax	\$14 08
Savings bank tax	63 96
Interest & dividends tax	142 56
State's share of forest fire expense	49 81
Reimbursement on account of tax loss	1,052 60
Reimbursement on account of flood control lands	2,244 60

\$3,567 61

Local sources except taxes:

Cemetery lots	\$10 00
Rent of town hall	54 00
Dog licenses, less fees	125 70
Dog license penalties	12 50
Interest on taxes	113 34

Permits for registration of motor vehicles—1952	22 77
Permits for registration of motor vehicles—1953	987 45
Permits for registration of motor vehicles—1954	2 01

\$1,327 77

Receipts other than current revenue:

Sale of town histories	\$22 00
Temporary loan	2,000 00
Trust funds, care of cemetery lots	79 91
From interest on Mary A. & Edw. H. Joslin trust fund for cemetery work	50 00
From Ash.-Citizens Nat'l Bank, in payment of capital stock tax for 1953	5 00

\$2,156 91

Total receipts from all sources	\$22,269 24
Cash on hand, January 1, 1953	3,362 53

\$25,631 77

Expenditures:

Paid 127 orders drawn on the Treasury by the Selectmen	\$22,394 76
Balance in treasury, January 1, 1954	3,237 01

\$25,631 77

Respectfully submitted,
HATTIE L. STEELE,
Treasurer

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

Summary of Warrant

STATE HEAD TAX

Levy of 1952

DR.

Uncollected taxes as of January 1, 1953	\$245 00
Added taxes during year 1953	0 00
Penalties collected during 1953	21 50

Total debits	\$266 50
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CR.

Remittance to treasurer during 1953:

Head taxes	\$215 00
Penalties collected during 1953	21 50

	\$236 50
Abatements during the year 1953	30 00

Total credits	\$266 50
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Summary of Warrant

STATE HEAD TAX

Levy of 1953

DR.

State head taxes committed to collector:

Original warrant	\$955 00
Added taxes	20 00

	\$975 00
Penalties collected	5 50

Total debits	\$980 50
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CR.

Remittances to treasurer:

Head taxes	\$645 00	
Penalties	5 50	
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		\$650 50
Abatements		5 00
Uncollected head taxes as per collector's list		325 00
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Total credits		\$980 50

Summary of Warrant
PROPERTY, POLL AND YIELD TAXES
Levy of 1952

DR.

Uncollected taxes as of January 1, 1953:

Property taxes	\$3,395 87	
Poll taxes	78 00	
Yield taxes	107 44	
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		\$3,581 31

Interest collected during fiscal year ending December 31, 1953	110 03
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Total debits	\$3,691 34
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CR.

Remittance to treasurer during fiscal year
ending December 31, 1953:

Property taxes	\$3,395 87	
Poll taxes	68 00	
Yield taxes	107 44	
Interest collected during year	110 03	
Abatements made during year	8 00	
Uncollected taxes January 1, 1954	2 00	
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Total credits		\$3,691 34

Summary of Warrant
PROPERTY, POLL AND YIELD TAXES

Levy of 1953

DR.

Taxes committed to collector:

Property taxes	\$13,855 74
Poll taxes	288 00
National bank stock taxes	21 00
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Total warrant	\$14,164 74
Yield taxes	137 00

Added taxes:

Property taxes	0 00
Poll taxes	0 00
Interest collected	3 31
Overlay	3 76
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Total debits	\$14,308 81
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CR.

Remittances to treasurer:

Property taxes	\$10,347 68
Poll taxes	190 00
National bank stock taxes	21 00
Yield taxes	129 30
Interest collected	3 31
Abatements	0 00

Uncollected taxes as per collector's list:

Property taxes	3,511 82
Poll taxes	98 00
Yield taxes	7 70
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Total credits	\$14,308 81
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Summary of Tax Sales Accounts as of December 31, 1953
DR.

Tax Sale on Account of Levies of Previous Years		1952	1951
Taxes sold to town during current fiscal year		\$528 87	
Balance of unredeemed taxes January 1, 1953			\$5 11
Int. collected after sale		0 03	
Redemption costs		1 55	
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Total debits		\$530 55	\$5 11

CR.

Remittance to treasurer during year	\$58 16	
Unredeemed taxes—at close of year	472 39	\$5 11
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Total credits	\$530 55	\$5 11

REPORT OF THE ADJUSTMENT BOARD

We hereby submit our annual report for the year ending Dec. 31, 1953.

The following permits approved:

Houses and garages	3
Houses	2
Barn	1
Porch	1
Storage shed	1
Chicken house	1
Hearings	1

Board of Adjustment:

HARRY C. TENNEY
CALVIN L. FRINK
EDWIN B. CROTTO
FLOYD E. BRITTON

SUMMARY OF PAYMENTS

General government:	
Town officers' salaries	\$580 42
Town officers' expenses	455 91
Head tax collection (3%)	16 95
Election and registration	17 70
Town hall and other town buildings	123 54
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	\$1,194 52
Protection of persons & property:	
Police department	\$22 00
Fire department, including forest fires	313 60
Bounties	19 00
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	\$354 60
Health:	
Health department including hospitals	\$300 00
Vital statistics	7 50
Town dumps and garbage removal	21 25
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	\$328 75
Highways and bridges:	
Tarring program	\$929 68
Town road aid	140 54
Town maintenance, summer	835 60
Town maintenance, winter	773 03
Street lighting	345 05
General expenses of highway dept.	22 22
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	\$3,046 12
Libraries:	
Library	\$227 85
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	\$227 85

Public welfare:		
Old age assistance	\$301 69	
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Patriotic purposes:		
Memorial Day and veteran's association	\$13 15	
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Recreation:		
Parks and playgrounds including band concerts	\$15 00	
	<hr/>	\$15 00
Public service enterprises:		
Cemeteries	\$165 00	
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Unclassified:		
Motor vehicle permit fees	\$91 50	
Advertising and regional associations	30 00	
Taxes bought by town	530 52	
Discounts, abatements and refunds	3 76	
	<hr/>	\$655 78
Interest:		
Paid on temporary loans in anticipation of taxes	\$31 00	
Paid on principal of trust funds used by town	129 91	
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Indebtedness:		
Payments on temporary loans in anticipation of taxes	\$2,000 00	
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Payments to other governmental divisions:	
State head taxes paid state treas. 1953	\$515 30
State head taxes paid state treas. previous	
years	231 77
County taxes	892 01
School district (1952 tax \$4,725.00)	
School district (1953 tax \$7,567 30)	12,292 30
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	\$13,931 38
Total payments for all purposes	<hr/> \$22,394 75

DETAILED STATEMENT OF PAYMENTS

TOWN OFFICERS' SALARIES

Sabrina Britton, auditor 1952	\$20 00
Eva S. White, tax collector and head tax	
1952	12 32
Esther G. Bennett, general government	
expense	10
Robert M. Crain, selectman, 1953	100 00
Robert Reid, selectman, 1953	100 00
Merton R. Tenney, selectman, 1953	100 00
Floyd E. Britton, tax collector, 1953	178 00
Hattie L. Steele, treasurer, bookkeeper of	
trust funds	60 00
David Malcolm, overseer of poor	10 00
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	\$580 42
Head tax:	
Floyd E. Britton, 3% collection	\$16 95
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	\$16 95

TOWN OFFICERS' EXPENSES

Sabrina Britton, auditor's expense	\$2 50
U. S. auto and truck guide	7 00
Lois Anderson, typing inventories	4 00
Dresser's business school	1 75
Edson C. Easton, Inc.	10 10

Floyd E. Britton, expenses, town clerk & tax coll.	40 18
Sentinel Printing Co.	179 70
Winfield M. Chaplin, transfer cards	12 00
Chase's, supplies	44 67
Mason's Insurance Agency, bonds	68 09
Robert M. Crain, expenses, selectman	14 92
Merton R. Tenney, expenses, selectman	17 15
Ashuelot-Citizen's National Bank, safe deposit box	3 60
N. H. Tax Collector's Asso.	3 00
Sargent Brothers, poll & prop. tax bills	8 25
Charles R. Hardy, treas. town clerk asso.	2 00
Jesse M. Wood, collecting dog taxes	10 50
Hattie Steele, expenses, treasurer	1 50
I. Alice Crain	25 00

\$455 91

ELECTION AND REGISTRATION

Chase's, supplies	\$2 70
Jasper W. Hunt, supervisor	5 00
Victoria Ball, supervisor	5 00
Dorothy Bickford, supervisor	5 00

\$17 70

TOWN HALL AND OTHER BUILDINGS

Public Service Co. of N. H., lights	\$31 04
Robert M. Crain, janitor	76 00
Leona Stevens, cleaning	16 50

\$123 54

PROTECTION OF PERSONS AND PROPERTY

Police:

Jesse M. Wood	\$22 00
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Fire:

Ernest W. Ball	261 60
City of Keene, Muttie fire	50 00
Jesse M. Wood, Muttie fire	2 00

Bounties:

Merton R. Tenney	50
Robert M. Crain	15 00
Robert Reid	3 50

 \$354 60

HEALTH

Elliot Community Hospital 1952-1953	\$300 00
R. W. Payne, working at town dump	21 25
Floyd Britton, vital statistics	7 50

 \$328 75

HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES

Town maintenance:

Keene Sand & Gravel, Inc., summer	\$113 85
Ernest W. Ball, summer	584 43
New England Metal Culvert Co., summer	137 32
Ernest W. Ball, winter	765 41
Keene Sand & Gravel, Inc., winter	7 62

Tarring program:

Ernest W. Ball	300 70
Wachusett Bituminous Product Co.	628 98

Town road aid:

Treasurer, state of N. H.	140 54
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General expenses of highway dept:

Keene Sand & Gravel, Inc.	7 22
Ralph Britton, snow removal at town hall	15 00

Street lighting:

Public Service Co. of N. H.	345 05
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 \$3,046 12

LIBRARIES

Lois Anderson, librarian	\$130 00
Jesse Mull, janitor	76 50
Public Service Co. of N. H., lights	21 35

 \$227 85

PUBLIC WELFARE

State of New Hampshire, old age assistance	\$301 69	
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PATRIOTIC SERVICES

Chase's, flags for Memorial Day	\$13 15	
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RECREATION

James Flanders, mowing common	\$15 00	
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PUBLIC SERVICE ENTERPRISES

David Malcolm	\$109 08	
William Malcolm	21 50	
Ellis Bros. & Co., plants	12 50	
Floyd Britton, cemetery lot	2 50	
W. E. Aubuchon Co., Inc., pipe & paint	19 42	
	<hr/>	\$165 00

UNCLASSIFIED

Floyd E. Britton, motor vehicle permit fees	\$91 50	
Monadnock Region Association	30 00	
Floyd E. Britton, taxes bought by town	530 52	
Herman Lagerberg, refund on 1953 tax	3 76	
	<hr/>	\$655 78

INTEREST

Ashuelot-Citizen's National Bank, interest on loan	\$31 00	
Jesse Mull, mowing trust fund lots	52 00	
David Malcolm	50 00	
Keene Sand & Gravel, Inc., loan for trust fund lots	13 25	

Merrimack Farmers Exchange	6 66	
Hattie L. Steele, plants for trust fund lot	8 00	
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		\$160 91

INDEBTEDNESS

Ashuelot-Citizen's National Bank,		
temporary loan	\$2,000 00	
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		\$2,000 00

PAYMENTS TO OTHER GOVERNMENTAL DIVISIONS

State treasurer, head taxes (1953—\$515.30)		
(previous years \$231.77)	\$747 07	
Stafford M. Boardman, county tax	892 01	
School district (1952—\$4,725.00, 1953— \$7,567.30)	12,292 30	
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		\$13,931 38
Total payments for all purposes		<hr/>
		\$22,394 75

Respectfully submitted,
 ROBERT M. CRAIN,
 ROBERT REID,
 MERTON R. TENNEY,
 Selectmen

REPORT OF ROAD AGENT

For week ending March 7, 1953:

	Rate Per Hour	
Ernest W. Ball, agent, sanding	\$1 10	\$29 15
Ernest W. Ball, sanding, pick-up truck	80	15 60
John Ball, labor	1 00	9 50
Jack Parker, labor	1 00	1 50
Herbert Ball, truck, plowing	2 70	8 10
Herbert, Ball, truck, sanding	3 30	84 15
Denman Wilbur, tractor, plowing	3 00	91 50
Ernest W. Ball, sanding	1 10	39 05
Ernest W. Ball, pick-up truck, sanding	80	16 00
Samuel Ball, sanding	1 00	8 00
Ernest W. Ball, agent	1 10	14 30
Ernest W. Ball, tractor, plowing	3 00	33 00
Denman Wilbur, tractor, plowing	3 00	40 50
Herbert Ball, labor, repairs	1 00	7 50
Horace Pickering, as per bills		8 86
Herbert Ball, welding	2 00	18 00
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		\$424 71
Less credit, salt		65 25
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Total		\$359 46

For week ending April 11:

Ernest W. Ball, cleaning ditches	\$1 10	\$32 45
Herbert Ball, truck, sanding	3 30	24 75
Ernest W. Ball, cutting brush	1 10	22 00
Anders Anderson, labor	1 00	20 00
Ernest W. Ball, cutting brush	1 10	26 40
Anders Anderson, labor	1 00	24 00
Ernest W. Ball, tractor	3 00	21 00
Anders Anderson, labor	1 00	28 00

Ernest W. Ball, labor	1 10	40 15
Jack Parker, labor	1 00	8 00
Ernest W. Ball, tractor, scraping	3 00	24 00
Anders Anderson, labor	1 00	27 00
Herbert Ball, truck, patching	2 00	30 00
Ernest W. Ball, pick-up truck	80	17 60

Total		\$345 35
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For week ending May 9:

Ernest W. Ball	\$1 10	\$13 20
Anders Anderson, labor	1 00	12 00
Ernest W. Ball, labor	1 10	17 60
Anders Anderson, labor	1 00	24 00
Ernest W. Ball, tractor	3 00	39 00
Ernest W. Bell, tractor	3 00	24 00
Anders Anderson, labor	1 00	16 00
John Ball, labor	1 00	8 00
Ernest W. Ball	1 10	8 80
Ernest W. Ball	1 10	39 10
Anders Anderson, labor	1 00	38 00
Ernest W. Ball, tractor	3 00	21 00
Ernest W. Ball, cement, 8 bags @ \$1.15		9 20
Ernest W. Ball, pick-up truck	80	16 00

Total		\$280 90
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For week ending June 20:

Ernest W. Ball, tractor	\$3 00	\$42 00
Anders Anderson, labor	1 00	28 00
Herbert Ball, truck	3 30	69 30
Town of Marlow, truck	3 30	39 60
State of N. H., truck	1 10	13 20
Carl Elliot, labor	1 00	12 00
Theodore Lusby, labor	1 17	14 04
Elgin Russell, labor	1 03	12 36
George Dunn, labor	1 00	12 00
Chet Davis, driver	1 03	12 36
Herbert Ball, tractor	3 00	9 00
Ernest W. Ball, labor	1 10	19 80

Ernest W. Ball, pick-up truck	80	8 00
Merrimack, as per bill		9 00

Total		\$300 70
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For week ending Oct. 10:

Ernest W. Ball, agent	\$1 10	\$11 55
Ernest W. Ball, truck	80	2 40
John Ball, labor	1 00	3 50
Herbert Ball, truck	3 30	13 20
Ernest W. Ball, tractor	3 00	15 00
Ernest W. Ball, 32 yds. gravel @ \$.10		3 20
20 lbs. spikes		3 00
Charles Beauregard & Sons, as per bill		60 48
Herbert Ball, truck	3 30	16 50
Herbert Ball, tractor	2 00	6 00

Total		\$134 83
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For week ending Dec. 1:

Ernest W. Ball, tractor	\$3 00	\$75 00
Ernest W. Ball, labor	1 10	23 10
Anders Anderson, labor	1 00	8 00
John Ball, labor	1 00	16 00
William Malcolm, labor	1 00	17 00
Herbert Ball, truck	3 30	33 00
Herbert Ball, tractor	3 00	12 00
Herbert Ball, labor	1 00	6 00
Ernest W. Ball, 72 yds. gravel @ \$.10		7 20

Total		\$197 30
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For week ending Dec. 31.:

Ernest W. Ball, tractor	\$3 00	\$15 00
Herbert Ball, work on plow	2 00	17 00

Total		\$32 00
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Respectfully submitted,
 ERNEST W. BALL,
 Agent

REPORT OF TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUNDS

Town of Surry, December 31, 1953

Trust Funds	Original Principal	Balance of Income at beginning of Year	Income during Year	Expended during Year	Balance of income on hand at end of year
Sumner Wilder	\$200 00		\$6 05	\$6 05	
Mary Hayward	200 00	\$297 07	15 02	3 00	\$309 09
Sarah F. Aldrich	100 00	171 78	8 20	3 00	176 98
Charles W. Reed	100 00	12 60	3 39	1 00	14 99
Marietta C. Wright	5,000 00		150 00	150 00	
Abijah Benton	50 00	2 15	1 56	1 00	2 71
Hattie E. Streeter	100 00	26 38	3 81	1 00	29 19
Britton-Jenks	200 00	107 53	9 29	2 00	114 82
Mary A. Joslin	100 00	25 71	3 79	2 00	27 50
Francis F. Field	100 00	51 86	4 58	1 00	55 44
Frank E. Nesmith	150 00	19 32	5 11	1 00	23 43
Helen J. Wilcox	100 00	17 91	3 55	1 00	20 46
Reed Free Library	4,000 00		120 90	120 90	
A. E. Vincellelte,	100 00	12 56	3 39	1 50	14 45
Bradley Britton	100 00	17 77	3 55	1 50	19 82
Lizzie N. Blake	50 00	2 36	1 58	75	3 19
Charles W. Darling	100 00	14 93	3 45	2 00	16 38
J. D. & S. I. Carter	150 00	13 40	4 93	2 00	16 33
Walter R. Scripture	100 00	13 77	3 43	1 50	15 70
Willard Mansfield	100 00	13 54	3 43	1 00	15 97
Dr. William H. Porter	100 00	11 86	3 37	1 50	13 73
George B. Britton	100 00	6 61	3 21	1 50	8 32
Charles H. Britton	100 00	3 04	3 11	1 50	4 65
William Perkins	200 00	36 87	7 14	1 00	43 01
Charles H. Perkins	200 00	32 89	7 02	1 00	38 91
John H. Allen	100 00	6 87	3 21	1 50	8 58
Frank E. Ellis	200 00	38 12	7 19	1 50	43 81
Wilton E. Britton	500 00	99 28	18 11	25 41	91 98
George H. Randall	100 00	8 52	3 27	1 00	10 79
John W. Conley	50 00	2 86	1 58	75	3 69
Wright-Garvin	500 00	92 62	17 90	6 00	104 52
Hattie B. Carpenter	200 00	30 54	6 95	1 50	35 99
Edward A. Kingsbury	125 00	10 51	4 09	1 50	13 10
Beatrice Townsend	100 00	3 72	3 13	1 00	5 85
Fred A. Carpenter	100 00	8 39	3 29	1 50	10 18
Thomas H. Northway	200 00	22 34	6 71	1 50	27 55
Margaret P. French	150 00	9 13	4 81	1 50	12 44
Sidney J. Wilder	200 00	13 83	6 46	1 50	18 79
Mary A. & Edw. H. Joslin	13,367 00	33 67	405 02	50 00	388 69
Fred B. Marshall	200 00	1 00	6 08	1 00	6 08
	\$27,892 00	\$1,293 31	\$880 66	\$406 86	\$1,767 11

HATTIE L. STEELE,
ELINOR S. RAYMOND,
OLGA K. WATKINS,
Trustees of Trust Funds

REPORT OF TOWN AUDITOR

I hereby certify that I have audited the accounts of the Town Officers of Surry, and find them correct to the best of my knowledge and belief, with vouchers therefor.

MARY W. TRACY,
Town Auditor

February 2, 1954

SCHOOL DISTRICT OFFICERS

School Board

MRS. RUTH WESTLUND, Chairman

CALVIN L. FRINK

JASPER HUNT

Moderator

FLOYD BRITTON

Clerk

ELIZABETH LAWTON

Treasurer

DORIS VAUGHN

Auditor

AUDRY TAYLOR

Superintendent

ELLIOTT W. KEACH, Walpole

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

SCHOOL WARRANT

To the inhabitants of the school district of the Town of Surry qualified to vote in district affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Town Hall of said district on the 3rd day of March, 1954, at 8:00 o'clock in the evening to act upon the following subjects:

1. To choose a moderator for the coming year.
2. To choose a clerk for the ensuing year.
3. To choose a member of the school board for the ensuing three years.
4. To choose a treasurer for the ensuing year.
5. To determine and appoint the salaries of the school board, and truant officer, and fix the compensation of any other officer or agent of the district.
6. To hear the reports of agents, auditors, committees, or other officers chosen, and pass any vote relating thereto.
7. To choose agents, auditors, and committees in relation to any subject embraced in this warrant.
8. To see what sum of money the district will raise and appropriate for the support of schools, for the salaries of school district officials and agents, and for the payment of statutory obligations of the district, and to authorize the application against said appropriation, of such sums as are estimated to be received from the state equalization fund together with other income; the school board to certify to the selectmen the balance between the estimated revenue and the appropriation, which balance is to be raised by taxes by the town.
9. To transact any other business that may legally come before this meeting.

REPORT OF SCHOOL BOARD

For the Year Ending June 30, 1953

RECEIPTS

Federal aid—school lunch	\$521 14
State aid	1,042 12
Local taxation	13,575 00
Elementary tuitions	197 50
Trust funds	6 05
Other income	357 75
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Total receipts from all sources	\$15,708 64
Cash on hand, July 1, 1952	1,080 80
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Total	\$16,780 36

PAYMENTS

Administration:

Salaries of district officers	\$79 00
Superintendent's salary	149 96
Tax for statewide supervision	122 00
Salaries of other administrative personnel	55 80
Supplies and expenses	118 81

Instruction:

Teachers' salaries	4,985 82
Books and other instructional aids	127 03
Scholars' supplies	163 70
Supplies and other expenses	8 04

Operation of school plant:

Salaries of janitors	591 50
Fuel or heat	360 87
Water, light, supplies and expenses	385 69

Maintenance of school plant:

Repairs and replacements	319 16
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Auxiliary activities:

Health supervision	152 98
Transportation	1,712 65
Tuition	1,953 86
School lunch	921 14

Fixed charges:

Retirement	303 84
Insurance, treas. bonds and expenses	209 00

Capital outlay:

Lands and new buildings	250 00
New equipment	154 33

Debt and interest:

Principal of debt	1,000 00
Interest on debt	437 50

Total payments for all purposes	\$14,562 68
Cash on hand June 30, 1953	2,217 68
Total	\$16,780 36

BALANCE SHEET

ASSETS

Cash on hand June 30, 1953	\$2,217 68
Total assets	2,217 68
Net debt	14,844 82
Grand total	\$17,062 50

LIABILITIES

Accounts owed by district for tuition (elementary)	\$62 50
Notes and bonds outstanding	17,000 00
Total liabilities	17,062 50
Grand total	\$17,062 50

BUDGET OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OF SURRY

1954-55

EXPENDITURES

	Adopted Budget 1952-53	Actual Expenditures 1952-53	Adopted Budget 1953-54	School Board's Budget 1954-55	Budget Committee's Budget 1954-55
Administration:					
Salaries of district officers	\$79 00	\$79 00	\$89 00	\$89 00	\$89 00
Supt.'s salary (local share)	144 15	149 96	174 00	150 72	150 72
Tax for state wide supervision	122 00	122 00	134 00	148 00	148 00
Salaries of other administrative personnel	51 50	55 80	77 96	103 91	103 91
Supplies and expenses	75 00	118 81	108 00	143 00	143 00
Instruction:					
Elementary school teachers' & principals' salaries	5,200 00	4,985 82	5,660 00	5,810 00	5,810 00
Books and other instruction aids, elementary	100 00	127 03	120 12	467 00	467 00
Scholars' supplies, elementary	75 00	163 70	172 62	264 50	264 50
Supplies and other expenses, elementary	60 00	8 04	115 00	95 00	95 00
Operation of school plant:					
Salaries of janitors, elementary	540 00	591 50	540 00	540 00	540 00
Fuel or heat, elementary	400 00	360 87	400 00	400 00	400 00
Water, light, supplies and expenses, elementary	200 00	385 69	324 22	407 00	407 00
Maintenance of school plant:					
Repairs and replacements, elementary	200 00	319 16	200 00	200 00	200 00
Auxiliary activities:					
Health supervision, elementary	160 00	152 98	160 33	184 00	184 00
Transportation, elementary	2,000 00	1,712 65	2,000 00	3,400 00	3,400 00
Tuition, high	2,600 00	1,633 86	3,080 00	5,168 00	5,168 00
Tuition, elementary	230 00	320 00	320 00	443 00	443 00
School lunch, elementary	400 00	921 14	800 00	950 00	950 00
Fixed charges:					
Retirement, elementary	337 93	303 84	348 11	424 00	424 00
Insurance, treas. bonds & expenses, elementary	261 67	209 00	250 00	215 00	215 00
Total current expenses	\$13,236 25	\$12,720 85	\$15,073 36	\$19,602 13	\$19,602 13

BUDGET (Continued)**EXPENDITURES**

	Adopted Budget 1952-53	Actual Expenditures 1952-53	Adopted Budget 1953-54	School Board's Budget 1954-55	Budget Committee's Budget 1954-55
Capital outlay:					
Lands and new buildings, elementary	\$250 00	\$250 00			
New equipment, elementary	150 00	154 33	\$150 00	\$55 00	\$55 00
Total capital outlay	\$400 00	\$404 33	\$150 00	\$55 00	\$55 00
Debt and interest:					
Principal of debt	\$1,000 00	\$1,000 00	\$1,000 00	\$1,000 00	\$1,000 00
Interest on debt	450 00	437 50	437 50	425 00	425 00
Total debt and interest	\$1,450 00	\$1,437 50	\$1,437 50	\$1,425 00	\$1,425 00
Total expenditures or school appropriations	\$15,086 25	\$14,562 68	\$16,660 86	\$21,082 13	\$21,082 13

RECEIPTS

	Adopted Budget 1952-53	Actual Receipts 1952-53	Adopted Budget 1953-54	School Board's Budget 1954-55	Budget Committee's Budget 1954-55
*Balance (actual or estimated)	\$606 01	\$1,080 80	\$930 80		
State aid	896 30	1,042 12	900 00	\$1,450 00	\$1,450 00
Federal aid		521 14	400 00	550 00	550 00
Trust funds	5 00	6 05	5 00	5 00	5 00
Elementary school tuition		197 50	150 00		
Other		357 75	300 00	300 00	300 00
Total receipts other than property taxes	\$1,507 31	\$3,205 36	\$2,685 80	\$2,305 00	\$2,305 00
District assessment raised or to be raised by property taxes	13,578 94	13,575 00	13,975 06	18,777 13	18,777 13
Total appropriations voted by school district	\$15,086 25		\$16,660 86	\$21,082 13	\$21,082 13

*Current assets minus current liabilities as of June 30, 1952 for Column 1; June 30, 1953 for Column 2 and 3; June 30, 1954 for Column 4 (and 5).

RALPH W. STEELE,
ROBERT B. CHASE,
WILLIAM F. HURLEY,
RUTH K. WESTLUND,
ROBERT M. CRAIN,
Budget Committee

REPORT OF SCHOOL DISTRICT TREASURER

For the School Year Ending June 30, 1953

Cash on hand, July 1, 1952		\$1,080 80
Received from selectmen (current appropriation)	\$13,575 00	
Received from state treasurer:		
State funds	1,042 12	
Federal funds	521 14	
Received from tuitions	197 50	
Received from trust funds	6 05	
Received from all other sources	366 83	
Total receipts		\$15,708 64
Total amount available for fiscal year		\$16,789 44
Less school board orders paid		14,571 76
Balance on hand, June 30, 1953		\$2,217 68

AUDITOR'S CERTIFICATE

This is to certify that I have examined the books, vouchers, bank statements, and other financial records of the treasurer of the School District of Surry, of which the above is a true summary for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1953, and find them to be correct in all respects.

AUDREY M. TAYLOR,
Auditor

REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

To the School Board and Citizens of the School District of Surry:

I herewith submit my annual report as Superintendent of your school.

Last year I reported an increase in enrollment of six and one-half percent, this year the increase is twenty-two percent, in two years the enrollment has increased by fifteen pupils, an increase of nearly one-third. Increased enrollment means increased expenditures.

When a teacher has four grades, there is always the problem of finding time enough to teach all that one is expected to teach for each grade. As the number of pupils increases, the difficulty of finding time increases, as each additional pupil needs to have time devoted to their individual needs.

The enrollment in grades 1-4 is now 33, in grades 5-8 it is 28. If, there is any more increase, we will be faced with the necessity of providing another teacher and classroom.

Achievement tests were given in all the grades this past spring and general ability tests were given this fall. Comparison of the results of these tests are being used to evaluate the success of the pupils, aid in guidance and help improve the educational program.

Test results, pupil grades and other information that will aid in counseling pupils are now kept on a new permanent record form that contains much more helpful information. In addition, each pupil has an individual folder containing information that cannot be condensed on a permanent record form.

The estimated end-of-the-year balance for 1952-1953 was \$431.96. Actual expenditures for 1952-1953 was \$14,562.68. The estimate was about \$100.00 out, as the budget for 1952-1953 called for an expenditure of \$15,086.25.

The motion was carried to change the amount of \$431.96 to \$930.80 for the estimated balance. The amount was not

correct as the actual balance was \$2,217.68, a considerable difference which was achieved by reason of economy, an accumulation of previous balances, and an increase in actual income over what had been estimated.

The entire amount of \$2,217.68 was used to reduce the district assessment. This meant that the assessment for 1953-54 is \$12,967.30, and not \$14,628.90 as estimated in the town report. The reduction meant a substantial reduction in your tax rate for the year 1953-1954.

ENROLLMENT JANUARY 4, 1954

Grades	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Number	9	8	7	9	6	12	5	5

Attending other schools: Symonds 2; Keene Junior High 4; Keene High School 7.

I wish to express my appreciation for the cooperation and support of the school board, teachers, parents and citizens during this past year.

Respectfully submitted,
ELLIOT W. KEACH,
Superintendent of Schools

REPORT OF THE SCHOOL NURSE

I wish to extend my thanks to the parents, teachers, citizens, and pupils for their interest in the school health program. It has made my first year a most gratifying experience.

I hope each year to include in our school health program any new procedures that will help improve your community.

The following is my report for the year ending June 30, 1953:

51 pupils were inspected.

28 pupils were in need of dental care.

8 pupils were under dental care.

51 pupils had vision and hearing tests.

1 pupils had an eye examination and defect corrected.

15 pupils were advised to have throat and nose examinations by their family physician.

ELLEN L. McAFEE,
School Nurse

VITAL STATISTICS

BIRTHS

<i>Date</i>	<i>Place</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Father's Name</i>	<i>Mother's Name</i>
May 3	Keene	Kevin Gale	Clarence R. Bergeron	Grace A. Carpenter
Apr. 26	Keene	John Clinton	Earl J. Lorandean	Florence E. Lewis
May 11	Keene	Michael Lewis	Gerald R. White	Glendine H. White
July 30	Keene	Bruce Allen	Kenneth W. Smith	Beulah M. Clark
Aug. 12	Keene	Nancy Ann	William F. Hurley Jr.	Jeanette M. Doody

MARRIAGES

<i>Date</i>	<i>Place</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Residence</i>
June 14	Keene	Aldred Columbus Perham Doris Ruth Westlund	Paris, Me. Surry
July 11	Keene	Frank Niles Aldrich Katherine Butterfield Starkey	Keene Surry
Oct. 31	Plymouth	Elwyn Higgins Bailey Barbara Elaine O'Brien	Surry Campton

DEATHS

<i>Date</i>	<i>Place</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Age</i>
May 12	Keene	Michael Lewis White	
June 5	Surry	John E. Baldwin	76
July 7	Port Chester, N. Y.	Martha Laurie Wood	77
July 12	Brattleboro, Vt.	Ellen Harvey	92
Dec. 3	Surry	Mabel H. Kingsbury	79

I hereby certify that the foregoing transcript of Births, Marriages and Deaths is correct according to the best of my knowledge and belief.

FLOYD E. BRITTON, Town Clerk.

